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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A ceramic composite body, comprising:

a first layer A containing phases of a metal and a carbide of said metal; and

a second layer B containing particles of silicon carbide bound in part by carbon binding phases and in part directly by sintered bridges, said second layer B containing nitrides of at least one element selected from the group consisting of silicon, titanium, zirconium, boron, and aluminum, said second layer B having a porosity of 5 to 35% by volume;

~~the ceramic composite body being a single one-piece body, the ceramic composite body containing no fibers, and the ceramic composite body having pores in a proportion of from 10 to 35% of the ceramic composite body by volume.~~